

THE NEW AUDITORIUM, ST. LOUIS, WHERE THE DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION CONVENED TODAY.



SEATS FOR 10,000 IN NEW COLISEUM

First National Convention Ever Held in the Great St. Louis Structure.

PROVISIONS FOR PUBLIC IN TWO GREAT GALLERIES

Decorative Scheme Restricted by Necessity of Not Shutting Off the Light.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., June 14.—The democratic national convention, which assembled here today, is the first political convention to be held in the St. Louis Coliseum. The first public meeting in this building was in the presidential campaign of 1908, when William H. Taft, republican nominee, spoke there. At that time the Coliseum was not completed. Fifteen thousand persons crowded into the structure for this opening.

The Coliseum was built in 1907-1908 at a cost of \$336,000. As arranged for the democratic national convention it will seat approximately 10,000 persons. This seating capacity is obtained as follows:

On the platform are 512 seats. In the section for daily newspaper correspondents and press associations are 12 seats.

Sections set apart for the editors of democratic weekly papers in Missouri and Illinois will accommodate 22 more persons.

Seats are provided for 1,078 delegates and the same number of alternates. In the boxes are seating accommodations for 548; in the arena balcony, 2,494, and in the balcony, 3,490.

Bring Total to 10,000.

This makes a total of 9,818. Extra seats placed wherever possible throughout the building bring the total seating capacity to about 10,000.

The building is so designed that there is room on the arena floor only for the delegates, alternates and the daily and weekly newspaper men.

The Coliseum is an octagon, considerably narrower at the top than at the base. The greatest length of the building is from north to south, and its narrowest dimension from east to west has been raised off for the platform and press sections. The platform is forty feet wide, and immediately back of the speakers' stand and the tables for tellers and clerks a platform extension rises to the rear of the upper balcony. This extension contains seats for 612 persons. These seats were distributed by the national committee, and the members of the committee and their immediate parties are to occupy most of them.

Around the arena floor on three sides are the boxes, which are reserved for specially invited guests—party leaders of prominence, diplomats, etc. That part of the public which is not fortunate enough to have platform or box seats is to be accommodated in the arena balcony, which rises immediately from the boxes, and in the balcony, which corresponds to the second gallery in most public halls.

The total number of seats available for the public therefore is 9,818, and the distribution of part of these is allotted to the St. Louis committee which raised the hundred-thousand-dollar convention fund.

Newspaper Accommodations. On the west side of the Coliseum, back of the speakers' platform, are the workrooms for the press associations and the telegraph companies. As this space, as originally planned, proved too narrow to accommodate the press associations, an eight-foot passageway through this section was abandoned, and by order of the mayor an alley in the rear of the Coliseum was vacated and covered with an awning. This serves as a passageway. A passageway under the platform leads from the press sections on the arena floor to the work and telegraph rooms in the rear.

On the north side of the building—the Washington avenue side—is a large emergency hospital, on the south side are the rooms of the democratic national committee and on the east—or Jefferson avenue—side is the room of the sergeant-at-arms and the convention post office.

The decorations of the Coliseum were designed by Edward C. Dillman of St. Louis. In order to obtain as much daylight as possible, the walls of the Coliseum have been painted white. To get the full benefit of this reflection it was necessary to exclude decorations from the walls. The decorations, accordingly, have been placed around the front of the balcony and boxes and on the supporting columns that run around the building.

Decorations of the Hall. Plaster relief medallions of Washington, Jefferson, Jackson, Cleveland and Wilson, each 42 feet, are placed on the supporting columns clear around the building, and each medallion is surrounded by American flags. The columns are covered with bunting, and the boxes are hung with the national colors. To improve the light reflection, 6,000 yards of white muslin cover the ceiling, except for a strip down the center, which is hung in the national colors. Altogether, 30,000 yards of bunting were used in the decoration of the convention hall and 600 to 700 American flags. The platform, of course, is draped with bunting and flags.

GEN. GORGAS TO DIRECT YELLOW FEVER STUDY

Gets Four Months' Leave to Head Rockefeller Foundation Commission in South America.

NEW YORK, June 14.—Gen. William C. Gorgas, U. S. A., in chairman of the yellow fever commission constituted by the international health board of the Rockefeller Foundation, which sails today on the steamer Almirante for a trip to various points in South America where yellow fever is still supposed to exist. To undertake this work Gen. Gorgas has obtained four months' leave of absence from the army.

The other members of the commission are Dr. Henry R. Carter of the United States public health service, clinician; Dr. Juan Gutierrez, head of the public health service of Cuba, clinician and general adviser; Dr. C. C. Lyster, clinician; Dr. Eugene R. Witmore, pathologist; Dr. William R. Wrightson, sanitary engineer, and Harry H. Wakefield, secretary.

The commission will go first to Caracas, Venezuela and then to Colon, Panama. It will cross the isthmus and sail down the west coast of South America, making a number of stops, especially at Guayaquil, Ecuador, one of the chief points where yellow fever is still prevalent. The commission will make particular investigation also of conditions in Manaus, Pernambuco and Bahia in Brazil.

The Rockefeller Foundation announced today that the sending out of this commission is the result of studies begun in July, 1914, by the international health board of the sanitary needs and responsibilities growing out of the opening of the Panama canal. Organization of the yellow fever commission was delayed by war conditions. The announcement says that this commission "will now make a survey of the infected regions for the purpose of determining the doubtful endemic centers and of ascertaining what measures may be necessary and feasible for the eradication of the infection in those communities on which the responsibility for the presence and spread of yellow fever is found to rest."

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SAYS TRUE AMERICANISM KNOWS NO DISTINCTION

President of the National German-American Alliance Makes Patriotic Address.

PHILADELPHIA, June 14.—Speaking at the flag day exercises at the Betsy Ross House here today, Dr. C. J. Hexamer, president of the National German-American Alliance, declared that true Americanism knows no distinction of race or creed and does not take sides with any foreign nation. "True Americanism," he said, "demands a true neutrality, solely for the defense of American rights and in the best interest of the United States against any aggression from whichever side it may come. It follows faithfully and loyally where our flag leads."

Happy in Knowledge of Loyalty. "Those of us of German birth and extraction are happy in the knowledge of loyalty and devotion proved upon hundreds of battlefields and thousands of civil contests by the men of our blood since the birth of our nation to the present day. They have always, as American citizens, proved their good citizenship and have been an honor to our nation."

Dr. Hexamer said that Americans had experienced much, "and some of us have endured much," since the outbreak of the European war. "And," he said, "as experience is the best teacher, we have all learned many important lessons."

At Independence Hall. Mayor Smith presided at the flag day exercises at Independence Hall, where at noon a state flag of Louisiana, sent here by Mayor Behrman of New Orleans, was to be raised above the historic edifice. At the same time an American flag sent from Philadelphia to the southern city was to be raised aloft and the school children of both cities were to sing "The Star Spangled Banner" and "Dixie" as the emblems were unfurled.

WOULD PROBE MEAT COST. New York Butchers Send Petition to President Wilson.

SYRACUSE, N. Y., June 14.—An investigation into the increasing cost of meat is asked for in a petition sent to President Wilson by the New York State Association of United Master Butchers of America. The association, in annual convention here today, declared that the constant increase in prices is unwarranted.

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FOOD PRICES WORRY BRITISH.

Cost of a Sunday Dinner Now Has Become Serious Problem.

LONDON, June 14.—The engineering trade unions have sent an appeal to

Premier Asquith urging that the government take immediate steps to limit the price of commodities or agree to a commensurate wage advance.

"On every hand," says the Daily Mail, "complaint is made of rising food prices. For months it has been a sub-

ject of conversation among wives and husbands. Now they talk about the cost of a Sunday dinner where formerly they talked about the weather. Always the tendency of prices is higher and the people see no limit. They feel that it is up to the government to take action. Their exploitation is at the hands of whoever is

making food profits. The government, with the experience of Germany before it, appears loath to embark on the step of fixing maximum prices, but public opinion is beginning to harden in favor of vigorous action."

The geographical origin of wheat is a mystery, lost in the dim past.

Dangerous. From the Louisville Courier-Journal. "I see a great magnitude has tried digging coal in one of his own mines. 'Now he may realize what hard work it is and raise wages.' 'Yes, and he may feel justified in raising the price.'"

Woodward & Lothrop

New York—WASHINGTON—Paris.

The Summer Clearance of Women's Suits Brings Very Unusual Opportunities---

It is an absolute clearance sale of Women's Suits, and the reductions are one-third to one-half.

Materials embrace every desirable weave of the season—Gros de Londres, faille silk, taffeta silk, silk and serge combined, Poiret twills, covert gabardines, vigerole gabardines, French serge, wool poplins, Callot checks, velour checks, English tweeds, Scotch mixtures, shepherd checks.

A very wide range of colors—Rookie, forest green, gray, wistaria, Copenhagen blue, twilight blue, gray checks, brown and tan checks, navy and white checks, black and white checks, gray mixtures and an excellent selection of the staple shades so much in demand—navy and black.

There are Dress Suits, Semi-dress and General Wear Suits, Street and Tailored Suits; many Handsome Mourning Suits and the popular "Stylish Stout" Suits. Every fastidious woman of whatever taste, style preference or size can be fitted, we believe.

We emphasize the fact that this is an unusual opportunity---

\$18.75 for Suits formerly \$25.00 to \$35.00.
\$25.00 for Suits formerly \$35.00 to \$47.50.
\$35.00 for Suits formerly \$45.00 to \$65.00.
\$45.00 for Suits formerly \$55.00 to \$75.00.
\$65.00 for Suits formerly \$75.00 to \$95.00.

Third floor, G street.

Continuing the Clearance Sale of Women's New and Fine Coats.

Smart Coats for Sport, Motoring, Semi-Dress and Evening Wear, in all the newest models and fabrics, marked at greatly reduced prices.

Included in this collection are several very handsome coats of taffeta and faille silk, also many distinctive and high-grade styles in taffeta, faille silk, Keyser silk, Jersey silk, charmeuse, gabardine, wool, pongee, Bolivia and velour cloth, wool jersey, serges, stockinettes, Poiret twills, chinchilla, Palm Beach cloth, velour checks, plaids and mixtures.

These coats are shown in all the prevailing colors—plain, combination and fancy effects, and in many models and sizes.

\$10.00 for Coats that formerly sold up to \$15.00.
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\$18.75 for Coats that formerly sold up to \$35.00.
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\$35.00 for Coats that formerly sold up to \$55.00.
\$45.00 for Coats that formerly sold up to \$75.00.
\$55.00 for Coats that formerly sold up to \$85.00.
\$65.00 for Coats that formerly sold up to \$95.00.

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SPECIAL SALE OF

Crepe de Chine Gowns, Chemise & Camisoles IN THE MUSLIN UNDERWEAR DEPARTMENT.

This is a special lot of Beautiful and Fashionable Crepe de Chine Underwear, and the prices are much below those regularly asked for like qualities and styles.

Nightgowns or Dresses, \$3.95 and \$4.50.

Pink, Flesh and White Crepe de Chine Nightgowns or Dresses, in tailored and empire styles, with round, low or square necks and short kimono sleeves or entirely sleeveless, some trimmed with lace and others prettily hemstitched and some shirred, finished with ribbon and rosebuds.

Envelope Chemises, \$1.95.

Pink, Flesh and White Crepe de Chine Envelope Chemises, beautifully lace trimmed in various styles and finished with pretty ribbons.

Crepe de Chine Bodices, Camisoles and Corset Covers, \$1.

Many beautiful and varied styles, with good lace and ribbon trimming; pink, white and flesh colors.

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Dresses at \$6.75.

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New Summer Mourning Dresses—Of Japanese silk, cool and of good style; very simple and dainty models, \$15.00 and \$16.95.

White Crepe de Chine Dresses—Beautiful Quality White Crepe de Chine Mourning Dresses, in simple coat effects and button trimmed; sizes 36 to 42; \$19.75.

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A Most Varied and Interesting Collection of Women's New Summer Tub Frocks at \$6.75, \$7.50, \$8.75 and \$10.00.

We present for the inspection and approval of our patrons an unusually large and varied showing of Women's New Tub Frocks especially made for us, and revealing a truly representative exhibit of the preferred and accepted styles. There are many charming and entirely different effects, and of much better qualities than women have been led to believe are obtainable at these prices. There are white, plain colors, stripes, fancy combinations and the floral and figured patterns.

Dresses of striped voile in black and white and colors; many new coat effects, as well as the straighter lines, for the more slender figures.

White Voile Dresses, with collar and vest of net; tucks at bottom of skirt and also at the bottom of coat-style overskirt.

A splendid assortment of Novelty Voile and Plain Striped Voile Dresses in sport coat effects and dainty afternoon style combinations of striped and plain materials.

Novelty Cotton Materials of many designs; smart coat effects and the more dressy types; a style suitable for every figure.

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The Smart Silk Sport Suits Are So Becoming and So Very Fashionable.

Silk Jersey, Silk Mohair, Pongee Silk and also Sport Suits of Wool Jersey, Khaki-Kool Silk, Mohair and Linen. Many of these Suits are in solid colors, some are striped, while others are stripes combined with solid colors. The coats are in Norfolk and belted models, some with yokes in back and some with inverted plaits to waist line and full flare around hips. Patch pockets, beautiful buttons and in many cases detachable collars and cuffs of white add to the smartness of these suits. Very full skirts, in circular, gathered and plaited styles, many of them trimmed with patch pockets to match coats, and all have detachable belts. The sizes range from 34 to 44.

Priced from \$18.75 to \$45.00.

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Skirts in Every Material, Style and Color That Is Fashionable.

Skirts are enjoying a very pronounced vogue and consequently our assortments are larger at the present time than they have ever been. Silks, Linens, Woolens and Wash Materials in every style and coloring.

WASH SKIRTS, in all the leading summer materials and late models—Cossack Linen and Belgian Linen are made with wide or narrow belts, \$7.50, \$8.75 and \$10.00. Pique Skirts and Gabardines and Corduroy Skirts in several different styles, and without or with pockets; styles especially good for large figures, \$5.00 to \$7.50. Other Wash Skirts of pique, linen and gabardine, \$2.00, \$2.50 and \$2.95.

WASH SPORT SKIRTS of awning striped linen, gabardine and plain colored linen, \$5.75, \$8.75 and \$10.00.

SPORT SKIRTS of silk jersey, corduroy, wool velour, in bias and plain stripes and large plaids; plain silk rajah and pongee, \$7.50 to \$25.00.

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Bathing Suits—Include Swimming, Slip-on and Regulation Bathing Suits, and the materials are messaline, taffeta, mohair and jersey cloth. The colors are plain, combination and stripes.

Caps and Hats to match or blend with any bathing suit.

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Your Wardrobe Should Contain One of the New Sweaters.

With the nearer approach of that season generally looked upon as the vacation time of the year, Sweaters increase in popularity. And they will not only be used by vacationists, but many women and girls are wearing them on the streets daily.

Recent arrivals have brought us several new styles.

Shetland Wool Sweaters are especially good for mountain and seashore wear. They are not too heavy—in fact, the lightest wool sweater made—but have much warmth and protection for the wearer, consequently will be found the best for places where cool breezes are wont to blow. May be had in coral, Nile green and lavender, with ve neck and belted back, and priced at \$8.00 each. Other models in Shetland Wool—plain colors and combinations, \$5.75.

Fiber Silk Sweaters in rose, Copenhagen and emerald; made with ve neck and cash back.

Special value at \$10.75 each.

Fiber Silk Sweaters, with ve neck and roll collar, in gold, emerald, cherry and Copenhagen, \$6.00 to \$7.75.

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